Hull History Centre: Civilian War Dead

C TYD

Kingston upon Hull Civilian War Dead

1939-1945

Historical Background: Created by the Emergency Services of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull during the Second World War.

Custodial history: The records were transferred from the Guildhall basement where they were stored after the Second World War to the Hull City Record Office when it was created in 1967.

Description: Part of the Civil defence records, these records concern those who lost their lives on the home front during The Second World War.

Extent: 31 boxes

Related material: Almost all records dating from the years 1939-1945 contain information relating to the war and its impact on the body creating the records. The following are records which were created as a result of the war:

The Council and its Committees whose duties related specifically to the war: Air Raid Precautions 1936-1939; Emergency, 1939-1945; Air Raid Precautions 1945-1946; Reconstruction 1942-1946; Victory Celebrations 1944-1946. The paperwork behind the Victory Celebrations can be found at C TCVC. [TCM/TCR]

The City Engineer's Department collection contains correspondence files, photographs, maps, plans and diagrams relating to the Second World War.

Two classes of correspondence files relate to Air Raid Precautions, later re-named civil defence [CD] and War Damage [WD]:

Civil Defence correspondence 1935-1947 [C TSCD]

War damage correspondence 1935-1949 [C TSWD]

Photographs & negatives 1936-1945 [C TSP]

These include preparations for war, the war related activities of the department and the damage caused by the war. In addition they contain photographs relating to shelters, report centres, A.R.P. training and temporary houses.

Maps [C TSY]

C TSY/2/2: A set of 12 maps of the Hull area (scale 5.5 inch=1 Mile) indicating the type and position of each bomb falling on Hull in specific raids during the Second World War. C TSY/2/3: A set of 1928 edition Ordnance Survey maps of the Hull area (scale 1:2500) indicating war damaged properties.

Evacuation accounts [C TED/1/6/1-58] 1940-1945

Accounts of financial adjustments between Hull and education authorities into whose areas Hull children were evacuated. There are separate files for each authority over the years 1940-1945. Some include lists of children with their Hull addresses and the names of their schools in Hull and the evacuation area.

Control and report [C TYA]

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Control incident files containing the papers relating to individual raids including messages received during raids and subsequent reports filed in chronological order of raids. Also includes correspondence and papers relating to training courses, retention and dispersal of staff, lists of unexploded bombs and mines, schedules of bombs dropped in incidents giving the time and place of landing and the type of each bomb.

Casualty registration [C TYC] 1940-1945

These contain casualty lists for each incident giving the name, age and address (or unit in the case of service personnel) of casualties under the headings of:

Mortuary (dead)

Hospital (seriously injured) First Aid Post (slightly injured)

Awards for gallantry [C TYG]

Many of those who volunteered their services or carried out acts of bravery were recognised by the City and the paperwork relating to the Gallantry Awards and the Defence Medal have survived within this series. It contains case papers relating to both commendation by the local authorities and recommendations for recognition by the King including correspondence and statements by witnesses.

Registration of personnel [C TYR]

The Warden Service registration records include 90,000 cards created for the registration of personnel for Civil Defence Service. Each individual card details the names, addresses, ages, dates of birth, occupation, business address, name of employer and name and relationship of next of kin. They also detail what service, division and district they belonged to, their training process, and equipment issued to them. These personnel cards give us a

snapshot of the individuals living and working within the city and the role they played on the Home Front.

Warden Service Records [C TYW]

Covering all aspects of war time life, these files cover subjects such as administration, equipment, civilian respirators, finance, maintenance and repairs, bombs, anti-gas precautions, shelters and buildings, training, air raid welfare, general welfare, and homelessness.

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Alphabetical list of names of individuals; adults and children, who perished in Kingston upon Hull during The

Second World War. The list was compiled by The Imperial War Grave Commission and enrolled in

Westminster Abbey in 1954.

1 volume

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Index cards created upon receipt of a deceased at a

mortuary. They give details of: Name and address of the deceased The Mortuary they were taken to

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Place of death Date of death Age

Occupation

Whether single, married or widowed

Not all of these fields are always completed but in many cases details of burial, inlcuding grave number and compartment are included.

The cards can be searched via the on line catalogue and the originals viewed in the History Centre searchroom.

1184 items

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Kingston upon Hull Civilian War Dead Individual files These files were created immediately upon receipt of a deceased at a mortuary.

These files have been closed under section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act.

2125 items

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